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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

My name is David Murray. I am a residential Sonic customer. Sonic a competitive local internet and telephone provider. If you dismantle the key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as requested by US TELECOM I will lose Sonic and the high quality internet and phone service that I depend on.

Sonic provides vastly superior internet and phone service, at a much less expensive price, than our previous providers, AT&T and Comcast.

Sonic is reliable and fast. AT&T was unreliable and slow. Comcast was slow and had outages. Sonic email and phones are secure, respect privacy, and have spam shields. AT&T and Comcast do not.

Furthermore, Sonic is always immediately available by phone to questions and to resolve any problems. This is a big deal. AT&T does not answer phones. When they installed cable to our house, they illegally (without our knowledge) put the line directly through our neighbors back yard. When we discontinued AT&T they did not remove the cable line which then became an issue for their children. Comcast answers phone calls, but there seems to be an unusual arbitrariness in many of their answers - for example on pricing that is offered after problems are encountered.

Please do not further concentrate the monopoly power of the largest telecommunications companies, and further raise the prices they charge citizens and businesses for inferior products. That's un-American.

Your action to reverse net neutrality was justified by the FCC as a way of encouraging infrastructure buildout by the largest telecommunications companies. That did not happen, which was obvious to almost all in advance of your decision. AT&T used their monopoly powers, and the power you awarded them to price-discriminate against rural and residential and small business - to buy Direct TV, CNN, and HBO instead of improving their network businesses and residential customers. American telecommunications has fallen behind, and the productivity of American businesses has suffered, as a result.

Please now act to preserve competition and encourage innovation, and now act to fairly protect the

internet and phone service of rural and residential and small business customers, by denying the US TELECOM request.

CC: Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, US House of Representatives
Governor Gavin Newsome, State of California

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